

Ford Motor Company

L. W. Camp, Director
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November 14, 2000

Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

00V-356

Subject: Additional Communication – 49 CFR Part 573.8

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations – Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company is submitting the attached communication that was received in our office since my letter to you on November 8, 2000. Please include this letter in that Monthly Report for the period ending October 31, 2000.

Sincerely,



Attachment
monthly/11-14-2000



Ford Motor Company

Premier Automotive Group
Lincoln OPD
QVM Engineering

September 28, 2000

Attention: All QVM Manufactures

Subject: ****** URGENT **** Stop Shipment Announcement**

It has recently come to the attention to the Limousine Engineering Office along with the Research & Vehicle Technology organization that the current tire that is equipped on the 418 Limousine Builders Package Town Car may have a specification concern when built to the maximum GVW configuration (120", 7100 lbs.)

Due to the nature of this concern and its relationship with FMVSS 110, it is our responsibility to immediately stop shipment to the end customer on all 418-package limousines that are stretched over 100 inches.

We are currently in the process of resolving this concern and it's our intent to keep everyone informed as quickly as possible. We expect to be able to give further directions the week of October 9th.

As a reminder, this is a stop shipment not a stop manufacture, therefore manufacturing may still take place however shipment from your plant may not occur.

Our office is also in the process of contacting each of you by phone within the next 24 hours to ensure the delivery of this memo.


Terry Dewey
QVM Manager
Engineering Programs